



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites - October 2022

Mon., Oct. 17  
10:00 am

**At the AGB**

**Dr. Mark Dockstator**  
Indigenous Landscape in  
Canada

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### Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message

I can only imagine where you may be while reading this month's volume of Hi Lites. As I have a somewhat vivid imagination, those visions are best left unsaid. I know I will be on the high seas with my betrothed, celebrating fifty years of marriage, a year late, due to you know what. Paula, my first wife, is not a good sailor, and many times in the past, when travelling to the UK, and I suggested sailing across, the answer has been, "you go, I'll meet you over there." This time, when I suggested sailing on the Queen Mary II from New York to Southampton, she did not' say no. so I quickly booked the trip! I have her convinced that in the unlikelihood we run into a hurricane, a stray iceberg, a grumpy Captain of a Russian submarine, or Air Canada losing our luggage on the return flight, we will have the trip of a lifetime.

October is Probus month, and through the efforts of, Mike Hill and Ken Medland, we will be celebrating by raising the Probus flag at City Hall with the Mayor (or her designate) officiating. All the Probus Clubs in Burlington have received an invitation and I hope that as many of you, our members, support your club by attending at 9.30 am on Monday October 3rd.

Several months ago, it was proposed to the Management Committee that we should open our meetings with an appropriate Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. This practice is observed by Probus Canada and has become commonplace in many institutional settings. The MC felt that before we consider the proposal, we should take the time to better understand the issues and then we can make an informed decision. The Speakers Committee were asked to search out someone who could provide us with the necessary background and Warren Bell contacted Dr. Mark Dockstator, an associate professor at Trent University, whose topic is "Understanding the Canadian Indigenous Landscape." I hope you will be there.

We will close out the October meeting with our AGM (annual general meeting). I will pass the gavel to the incoming President, Ken Medland who has done such an outstanding job as Membership Chair. By my count we were up to 166 members an increase of twenty-two this year. Based upon the number of guests at the last meeting, I expect we will be close to 170. Thanks to those of you for "Being a Friend and Bringing a Friend."

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### ... Malcolm Continued

Several members of the Management Committee are stepping down this year and I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to all of them for their service. Dave McKenzie. (Dave has reached his statutory limit of ten years on the MC. He has offered to continue to produce Hi Lites and manage our web site, while Ken Clarke will sit on the MC representing Internal Communications). Jim Gilleland our House Chair; Mike Hill, Events Chair; Dennis Colameco, Golf Coordinator. Through their untiring efforts they have helped to make your club a better place. We will be welcoming the new slate of MC members on October 17th.

Looking back over this past month we must recognize the work of the Events Committee led by Mike Hill, and assisted recently by Bob Miller, in arranging our visits to the Shaw Festival and the Niagara Power Generating Station. One of the memorable songs from Damm Yankees begins "You've gotta have heart, all you really need is heart." How our hearts took a skip, when just before the curtain went up the word spread through quickly through the theatre that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd had died. She has been foremost in our hearts during this period of mourning.

The guided tour of the Generating Station and its long tunnel leading to a magnificent view of Niagara Falls was on a beautiful day and proved to be most interesting. Enthusiasm quickly turned to concern as we found the cars covered in dust carried by the overspray from the Falls. I have since been informed that the dusty residue could be removed without harm. For those of you who were unable to attend the visit to the Niagara Power Station, here is a link to an excellent article that appeared in the Hamilton Spectator on September 24<sup>th</sup> [Tunnel vision is Niagara's newest thrill](#) MARY K. NOLAN The Hamilton Spectator.

My thanks also to Bill O'Brien, (Golf Coordinator Elect) for arranging the golf game at Rockway Vineyards. This has been an extraordinary year for the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore. We began under the constraints of Covid, meeting on Zoom and at our first opportunity many of us met for the first time in months at the Burlington Golf and Country Club for our Holiday Lunch.

The transition from Zoom to Hybrid Meetings, to meeting in person again, brought with it several challenges. I am so grateful to the Management Committee and to all our members for their support during these changing times. We have come out of this period with more members and a renewed spirit. In reflecting on this past year, we have again been so fortunate to have such great speakers at our meetings. In May we could hardly contain our delight at our success in winning the golf tournament against the Burlington Probus Club. Our visits in June to Saw Festival for "The Importance of Being Earnest" and to the Poor House in Fergus were outstanding. In August we were joined by Brenda Andrews, President of Probus Canada and Bill Willson, Director of District #3 Probus Canada, as we celebrated with twenty-four, 20 years plus members. Ken Medland arranged for certificates of recognition from our MP Karina Gould and Probus pins to be presented to the members. We were especially pleased to recognize Ed Taylor our founding President.

Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve as your President.

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### Guest Speaker - Dr. Mark Dockstator

Dr. Mark S. Dockstator is the former President of the First Nations University of Canada and currently, an associate professor at Trent University, Cheney Wenjack School of Indigenous Studies. A member of the Oneida Nation of the Thames, he received his doctorate in law from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University.

Dr. Dockstator has senior leadership experience in both the public and private sector, having served as the founding Chairman of the First Nations' Statistical Institute, Senior Negotiator and Researcher for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, President and CEO of Rama Economic Development Corporation, Special Advisor to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People and Special Advisor to the Chief Commissioner of the Indian Land Claims Commission. Dr. Dockstator has a great deal of business experience and has a specific research expertise in Aboriginal issues, having served as Principal Investigator on an array of national and regional research projects in areas such as Aboriginal health, treaties, Aboriginal languages and culture, education and economic development.

Dr. Dockstator also serves on a number of boards including the Rideau Hall Foundation, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Royal Military College, Teach for Canada and the Canadian Museum of Nature Foundation.

Dr. Dockstator's presentation will examine the historical and contemporary societal relationship between Canadians and Indigenous Peoples.

Warren Bell, Speakers' Committee



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### Membership

This will be my last membership report as I will be assuming the role of your new President in November.

I want to sincerely Thank all of you for doing a fantastic job of supporting our theme of "BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND!"

The results have been amazing! We are currently at a new high of 165 members and Dave Little reports that renewals are firming up nicely. Don't forget that renewals at only \$50.00 are due in October! The fee represents a small monthly cost of just over \$ 4.00 a month and is the best value in town!

We continue to offer outstanding speakers, fellowship, and fun as part of the Best men's Club in Burlington!

We have been extremely fortunate that Gary Kirkwood has stepped forward to be the new Membership Chair! Gary is a creative, driven member who will continue to drive the enrollment to new levels...Welcome, Gary!

Ken Medland, Membership Chair

### Cheer Committee

The Cheer Committee will contact or visit members or spouses who are ill. In the event of bereavement, a card of condolence will be sent to the family, and for a member, a memorial donation will be made to a charity of their choice.

A card of condolences was sent to the family of Murray McCallum who died at home on September 14. Murray was a 20 year member of our Probus Club and will be greatly missed. Further information can be found in the Obituary Notices on the website of Smith's Funeral Home, Guelph Line Burlington. Funeral Service will have taken place on September 30.

Please inform Jim Thurston or John Hughes if you are aware of anyone who has an illness or bereavement, for appropriate action.

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Jim Thurston - (905) 319-9352  
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John Hughes, Cheer Committee

### Be a Friend ....



### Computer Interest Group



We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in the computer fields and help solve each other's computer related issues. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 am. The cost is free until we go to live meetings. If you would like to join us, please email Bob Dickison at [rgdickison@gmail.com](mailto:rgdickison@gmail.com) and he will add you to our email list.

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### 2022/23 Dues Renewal

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the best men's club in Burlington.

We have just passed the end of our fiscal year (Sept. 30/22) so it is time to renew memberships for the October 1/22 – September 30/23 membership year. Great News: to date 109 members have renewed for the upcoming year.

Your Management Committee has set the renewal fee at \$ 50. This is the first increase in several years and is necessary to cover the increased cost of operations – e.g. room and equipment rentals, speaker's fees.

By renewing your membership you will continue to enjoy many benefits such as -

- Monthly meetings with in person, Zoom and You Tube participation options.
- Highly educational and informative, top quality speakers.
- Access to special events (plays, tours) at reduced group prices.
- Fun and fellowship with your co-members.

At a cost per meeting of \$ 4.16, we feel your \$ 50 renewal fee represents exceptional value. We hope you agree and that you will express your agreement by renewing at your earliest convenience.

Payment can be made in one of three ways –

1. \$ 50 Interac e-transfer through your online banking system; Recipient Name is Probus Burlington Lakeshore; Recipient email is [paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com)  
**OR**
2. By \$ 50 cheque payable to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore; mail cheque to our Treasurer, Dave Little at 2071 Wellington Ave. Burlington, ON L7R 1P4  
**OR**
3. In person at the September 12 meeting, by cheque, Credit Card or Debit Card. Debit is preferred as the cost is significantly less for the club

Many thanks for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your renewal in our Probus Club.

Ken Medland, Membership Director; Dave Little, Treasurer

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### Events Committee

#### Niagara Power House Tour –

We had a beautiful sunny day for our drive to Niagara Falls. From all reports, people enjoyed the tour. Our guides were very informative. If you have not visited the Power House, we highly recommend a trip to Niagara Falls to take in exhibit.



**Probus Month Flag Raising** – The flag raising was a huge success! Approximately 50 (or more) members from the Burlington Probus clubs attended. Bill Wilson gave an excellent overview of Probus and our Mayor Marianne Meade-Ward arrived early and chatted with the members before reading the Proclamation of Probus month in Burlington.

#### Car Rally

The Rally is on Wednesday, October 5. We have 22 participants and a course around Halton which promises to highlight the fall colours. More on how it goes in November's Hi-Lites.

**Holiday Lunch** – Planning for this year's special lunch is well underway. Price is \$75. per person and we will once again be at the beautiful Burlington Golf and Country Club. Our entertainment is booked and the committee looks forward to another stellar event.

Register at the October in person meeting. Payments by e-transfer, credit card or cheque. Cheques should be made out to Burlington Lakeshore Probus.

Interac e-transfer to: [paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com).

Send your cheque to:

Dave Little 2071 Wellington Ave, Burlington, ON L7R 1P4

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**Niagara Power House Tour** – From 180 feet down at the base of the Power House, water exited to the Niagara River by way of a 2,200-foot-long tunnel - walking through leaves visitors with a magnificent view of the falls.



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### Burlington Lakeshore Probus Club Fall 2022 Golf Game

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, our club enjoyed the annual Fall Golf Game. This year it was held at Rockway Vineyards Golf Club located among vineyards and at the foot of the Niagara Escarpment, just west of St Catharines.

We had 26 golfers signed up to play, starting around 11:30 AM. The weather was a bit breezy and there was a bit of mid-afternoon rain but our hardy members and a few guests played through and enjoyed a fun afternoon. We did not keep a record of scores because our emphasis was on having fun but we know a few of the golfers scored in the 80's and a few of us scored in the triple digits.

Our next event will be the annual tournament to be held in May 2023 with the Burlington Probus Club. Be sure to look for further announcements for this event and keep your clubs and balls clean in preparation for it.

Your Golf Coordinator.  
Bill O'Brien



### Notes from the House

Fewer and fewer members are choosing to wear a mask at our meetings. Your Management Committee still encourages you to consider wearing a mask. If you can't make it to the meeting, as always, you can join via Zoom. Watch for your invitation.

Our thanks to Guido Steinnagel and Wayne Zarankin for greeting at our September meeting. Thanks also to Walter Rosinski for selling 50/50 tickets. We're always looking for members willing to greet and/or sell tickets. Please consider helping out.

As mentioned at our September meeting, selling coffee at our meetings is a money losing proposition. Management Committee has been discussing whether it's sustainable to continue long term, to sell coffee. Our options include: continue selling the coffee at a loss, raising the price or stop selling it. Some Probus Clubs in Burlington offer water only as a beverage. Please remember to pay for your coffee. It's \$2.00 per cup and \$1.00 for a refill. We'll keep you informed of our deliberations.

Parking passes will be available for sale at the Art Gallery's main desk at our October and November meetings for \$33.00. This will cover the cost of parking at the Gallery for the 11 meetings November 2022 through October of 2023. While the pass doesn't save you money, it's a convenient way to avoid forgetting to bring coins and/or fighting with the machine in the parking lot.

Jim Gilleland House  
Committee Chair  
[jgilleland@cogeco.ca](mailto:jgilleland@cogeco.ca)

### Next Month's Regular Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2022

Speaker: Prof. Stephan Heathorn

Topic: Britain after Brexit



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### **NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE TO BE HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 17TH, 2022 AT 10.00 AM.**

Included in the motions to vote on at the AGM will be approval of the minutes of the last AGM.  
Click on the following link to review prior to the meeting:

[AGM Minutes - October 2021](#)

The financial statements of the Club for the year ended September 30, 2022  
(compiled by our external accountant, Z.M Novak)  
and the Club's fiscal 2023 budget follow in this issue of Hi-Lites.  
The membership will be asked to accept the statements  
and the budget at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

### **REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

President, Malcolm Ramsay, Vice President, Ken Medland,  
Member-at-large: Paul Crittenden and Jim Thurston, Past President (Chair)

Having received no further nominations, the following names will stand as the proposed slate of candidates for the Management Committee for 2022/23:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
President	Ken Medland
Past President	Malcolm Ramsay
Vice President	John McArthur
Secretary	Al Ayre
Treasurer	Dave Little
Membership	Gary Kirkwood
Speakers	Brian Duncombe
Special Events	George Caughell
Internal Communications	Ken Clarke
House	Doug Woodward
Cheers	Jim Thurston
External Publicity	Ken Medland
Golf	Bill O'Brien
Curling	Jim Barnett

Terms of office commence after confirmation at the AGM on October 17, 2022.

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Burlington, Ontario  
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### NOTICE TO READER

#### TO MEMBERS OF PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE

Based on the accounting records of your Club and the information provided by your Treasurer, I have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore for the year ended September 30, 2022. I have not performed an audit or review engagement and accordingly I express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these financial statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Burlington, Ontario  
October 2, 2022

  
Z.M. NOVAK CPA, CFE

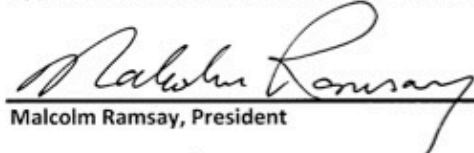
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PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE  
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
 AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2022  
 (with comparative figures for 2021)

	2022	2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash in bank	\$ 10,135	\$ 14,903
Investments-Guaranteed Investment Certificate	5,000	-
Prepaid expenses-deposits for future events	500	500
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,635</b>	<b>\$ 15,403</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deferred revenue-events	\$ 266	\$ 475
Deferred revenue-membership fees	5,450	3,105
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,716</b>	<b>\$ 3,580</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<u>Unrestricted reserve</u>		
Balance beginning of year	\$ 11,824	\$ 8,686
Current year revenues greater than expenses	- 1,905	3,137
<b>Balance end of year</b>	<b>\$ 9,919</b>	<b>\$ 11,824</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,635</b>	<b>\$ 15,403</b>

Approved on behalf of the Management Committee:

  
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 Malcolm Ramsay, President

  
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 Dave Little, Treasurer

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 STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES  
 For the year ended September 30, 2022  
 (with comparative figures for the year ended September 30, 2021)

	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Membership fees	\$ 5,385	\$ 6,205
Club events-net	- 168	-
Coffee fees-net	-	-
50/50 Draws	292	-
Interest	-	6
	<b>\$ 5,509</b>	<b>\$ 6,211</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration	\$ 166	\$ 226
Meeting hall and Equipment Rent	2,759	-
Coffee Expense (net of revenue)	435	-
Membership	583	378
Newsletter & Website	380	270
Probus central fees	432	338
Speakers	2,100	1,790
Bank and credit/debit card processing fees	109	23
Memorials	384	50
Miscellaneous	65	-
Total Expenses	<b>\$ 7,413</b>	<b>\$ 3,074</b>
Revenue greater/less than expenses	<b>-\$ 1,905</b>	<b>\$ 3,137</b>

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### PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE - FISCAL 2023 BUDGET

	Fiscal 2023 Budget	Fiscal 2022 Actual
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Membership Fees	\$ 7,250	\$ 5,385
Club Events - Net	-	168
50/50 Draws - Net	770	292
Interest	200	-
	\$ 8,220	\$ 5,509
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Administration	\$ 175	\$ 166
Meeting Hall rent	4,695	2,759
Coffee Expense (net of revenue)	349	435
Membership	400	583
Newsletter & Website	400	380
Probus central fees	471	432
Speakers	2,200	2,100
Bank and credit/debit card processing fees	150	109
Memorials	350	384
Miscellaneous	100	65
	\$ 9,290	\$ 7,413
Revenue greater/(less) than expenses	-\$ 1,070	-\$ 1,904